



Newsletter Issue: Sep 2024

The Secretariat looks forward to continuing to support Indigenous-led stewardship of the Hudson Bay and James Bay marine region through the collaboration of Inuit and Cree coastal communities and their many partners.

Welcome to the first issue of the Consortium Newsletter

We're excited to launch this quarterly newsletter to share updates on collective activities, working group meetings, and new opportunities.

Updates from the Secretariat

We are pleased to announce several updates from the Secretariat.

Update 1: **Renaming the Hudson Bay Consortium!**

- The Renaming Committee, made-up of Inuit and Cree Elders and language experts, carefully selected a new name for the Consortium. The Secretariat and the Communications Working Group are now finalizing the name and new logo to be launched this fall. Follow us on our social media for updates!

Update 2: **Compiling list of ongoing, active research projects in the region!**

- The Community-Driven Research and Monitoring Working Group is compiling a list of ongoing research and projects in the region. The list will be accessible on the Hudson Bay Consortium website. The Working Group is also discussing ways to standardize data collection and ensure Indigenous data sovereignty. If you have a project to add, email Maude Durand, mdurand@oceansnorth.ca.

Update 3: **New working group!**

- Following the success of the recent roundtable in Winnipeg this February, we are now collaborating with Indigenous partners and government departments to launch a new Emergency Response Working Group this fall. Focus areas will be on both emergency response (for example, search and rescue) and

environmental response (for example, oil spills). Please email info@hudsonbayconsortium.com if you are interested in participating in this working group.

Update 4: New private Facebook group for Inuit and Cree meeting participants!

- The Secretariat created a private Facebook group for Inuit and Cree community members who participate in the Hudson Bay Consortium meetings. It's a place where we can stay connected and share knowledge between meetings. Link to join is [here](#).

Working Groups Meetings

Community-Driven Research & Monitoring

Led by Maude Durand, mdurand@oceansnorth.ca

Key points previously discussed:

- Mushkegowuk's Climate resilience project in Western James Bay and Hudson Bay started mid-June. Mushkegowuk is creating a community network and integrating SIKU for knowledge sharing and plan to present findings at the 2026 Summit.
- ArcticNet is organizing the Arctic Change conference in December in Ottawa; The call for Abstracts closes Sept 13.
- CERRI projects include testing contaminants in traditional food, studying intertidal biodiversity, finalizing protected areas with Inuit overlap, starting a greenhouse and STEM project for Chisasibi youth, and testing spring water quality.
- CNG and Parks Canada are conducting a feasibility study for NMCA's, emphasizing community governance and management, with a signing ceremony scheduled in August in Wemindji. The study ensures Cree participation in the creation of NMCA's.
- CIRNAC will have an upcoming release of a Climate Monitoring Guide focused on Indigenous methods.

Indigenous Stewardship & Protected Areas

Led by Colleen Parker, colleen.h.p.parker@gmail.com

Key points previously discussed:

- The group discussed the annual WG work plan, emphasizing the importance of presentations on conservation economies, stewardship, and connectivity. Recommendations for the work plan include:
 - Fisheries emerged as a common theme across various sites, highlighting the need for cross-site learning and collaboration.
 - Interest in collating information on Nunavut sites, including key contacts, and a suggestion for a presentation about the Nunavut Marine Council.
- Initiatives of Interest: Blue Economy Strategy (read more [here](#)) and Tallurutiup Imanga National Marine Conservation Area's What We Heard report. (Not yet published/available).

Communications

Led by Kaitlin Breton-Honeyman, kbretonhoneyman@polynyaconsulting.ca

Key points previously discussed:

- The Comms WG defined the renaming process for the Hudson Bay Consortium and approved the Renaming Committee.
- Thanks to the Comms WG connections, the Secretariat successfully held a photo contest on social media for Hudson Bay and James Bay Cree. The selected winner, Roger Lamothe from Moose Factory, was featured on our social media account and will be our event photographer for the February 2025 Roundtable.
- The Secretariat is finalizing the Consortium's new name and new logo to be released in Fall 2024.
- The new logo is being developed by Beesum Communications, an Indigenous organization based out of Montreal. The artists are Inuk and Cree to reflect the collaborative effort between both Indigenous groups that inhabit the region.

Community Highlights

Learn about the inspiring work being done by your peers and how you can get involved.

If your community has something to highlight, please email details to info@hudsonbayconsortium.com so the Secretariat can include it in the next newsletter!

From Rankin Inlet, the Canadian Coast Guard's Arctic Marine Response Station is open for the season. From June to October, crews will provide search and rescue services in the area during the open water season. Read more [here](#).

From Nunavik, Makivvik released their Nunavik Climate Change Adaptation Strategy, marking a significant advancement in addressing the region's unique climate challenges. The climate change strategy aims to safeguard Nunavik's environment, culture, and future generations through innovative, community-driven solutions. Read it [here](#).

From Eastern Hudson Bay and James Bay, the Arctic Eider Society's Community-Driven Research Network will meet in Sanikiluaq this September to discuss progress and plan next steps for collaborative work in the region. Established in 2014, the research network supports shared community priorities across Sanikiluaq, Inukjuak, Kuujjuarapik, Umiujaq, and Chisasibi.

Opportunities

We have compiled a list of new funding opportunities that may be of interest to your projects. Be sure to check the deadlines and application requirements.

Funding/Grants

Opportunity 1: Climate Change and Health Adaptation Program

- **Funder:** Indigenous Services Canada
- **Description:** The Climate Change and Health Adaptation Program (CCHAP) funds the efforts of First Nations and Inuit communities to identify, assess and respond to the health impacts of climate change.
- **Deadline:** Climate Change and Health Adaptation (CCHAP) **South** intake is September 20, 2024, 11:59 pm Mountain time; Climate Change and Health Adaptation Program **North** has no deadline.
- **Link:** [ISC link](#)

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